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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN LEADERS BRIEFED ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. IN ADDITION TO BRIEFING AMIR FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S MID EAST TRIP (REFTEL) AMBASSADOR HAS DISCUSSED TRIP AND MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITH PRIME MINISTER, HEIR APPARENT, ACTING FONMIN, AND, ON AUGUST 29, FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. BAHRAIN LEADERS UNANIMOUSLY PLEASED THAT TRIP WAS MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN MEDIA REPORTS INDICATED AT THE TIME BUT THEY ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT ONLY ISRAELI RESPONSE TO ARAB FLEXIBILITY AND AMERICAN MEDIATION EFFORTS SEEMS TO BE WHAT THEY SEE AS FLAGRANT EXPANSIONISM AND DEEPENING INTRANSIGENCE. PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HOPED U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN MOVEMENT TOWARD SETTLEMENT BECAUSE HE FEARED THAT FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD QUICKLY LEAD, FIRST, TO INTER-ARAB SQUABBLING AND BACKSLIDING ON SUBSTANCE OF SETTLEMENT AND, LATER, TOWARD OVERTHROW OF MODERATE REGIMES AND WAR. ALL WERE STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF MODERATE ARAB AND U.S. EFFORTS BUT THEY FELT U.S. RESPONSE TO ISRAELI ACTIONS ON WEST BANK WAS WEAK AND THEY FEARED IT

MIGHT PORTEND A WEAKENING OF U.S. RESOLVE. AMBASSADOR
DREW ON RECENT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS TO ALLAY THIS FEAR.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER JUST RETURNED FROM MONTH'S HOLIDAY IN
U.S. AND WHILE THERE HE DEVELOPED VIEW THAT PRESIDENT
CARTER'S HANDLING OF ISRAEL AND U.S. OPINION ON ARAB-ISRAEL
ISSUE IS CORRECT AND "VERY CLEVER". HE SAID THAT BY
POINTING OUT ISRAELI ACTIONS AS ILLEGAL AND OBSTACLES TO
PEACE AND YET REPEATING THAT HE WON'T USE PRESSURE TO
MODERATE ISRAELI BEHAVIOR PRESIDENT SEEMS TO BE WORKING
TOWARD POINT AT WHICH AMERICANS WILL ASK THEMSELVES WHY
SHOULDN'T WE PRESSURE A GOVERNMENT WHICH IS ACTING WRONGLY
AND AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS. PRESIDENT CARTER, ACCORDING TO
FONMIN, WILL THEN BE IN A POSITION OF BEING ABLE TO PRESS
ISRAEL IN RESPONSE TO HIS OWN PUBLIC IPINION RATHER THAN HAVING
TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD BE STRONGLY OPPOSED BY
ISRAEL'S FRIENDS IN U.S. FONMIN SAID HE FELT PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS TO EDITORS ON PERSUASIVENESS OF WORLD OPINION TENDED
TO CONFIRM FONMIN'S THEORY.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER WILL ATTEND CAIRO MEETING OF ARAB
FOREIGN MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 3 - 5. HE SAID HE INTENDED TO
SHARE WITH HIS COLLEAGUES THERE THE PERSPECTIVES HE GAINED
BY BEING IN U.S. OVER PAST MONTH. FONMIN VISITED SAN DIEGO,
LOS ANGELES, HONOLULU, AND SAN FRANCISCO AND SAID HE HAD
BEEN IMPRESSED BY GROWING SOPHISTICATION AND EVE-HANDEDNESS
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OF NON-EAST COAST U.S. NEWSPAPERS ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES.
FROM EDITORIALS HE HAD READ HE SAID HE FELT ISRAEL'S RECENT
ACTIONS ON WEST BANK HAD HELPED OPEN AMERICAN EYES TO REALITY
OF ISRAEL'S EXPANSIONIST INTENTIONS.
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